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The very agencies of our government--military and civilian intelligence units--that are charged with the duty of guarding U. S. security are being infiltrated today by Soviet agents, Communists and incompetents.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is an exception--but the facts apply to the Central Intelligence Agency, security units of the Defense Department--Army, Navy and Air Force--and the counter intelligence departments of most of them.

This is a serious charge, particularly in the face of loyalty investigations, Congressional housecleaning of reds in the government and the efforts of some officers in the military's counter intelligence corps. Yet the facts are plain. The Communists did not quit when the jail doors slammed shut on Alger Hiss; they did not quit when Klaus Fuchs confessed, or when Harry Gold was caught in the FBI dragnet.

The scandals of today involving the Internal Revenue Bureau, the McCarran investigation of the Institute of Pacific Relations and current exposes of Soviet agents in the United Nations and the diplomatic corps are important investigations. But they are mild in comparison to what a Congressional inquiry will unearth if an investigation of red infiltration into intelligence units is undertaken.

In one particular branch of the Army, one of the most sensitive intelligence units in the Pentagon, a man was put on the payroll who openly boasted

mined that he lacked average mental balance and was fired. One of his closest buddies still works in the agency.

The Central Intelligence Agency has on its payroll an employee who was ousted from a military intelligence unit for pilfering secret files; another employee now with the CIA was ousted from a sensitive Defense Department office because he molested women employees. As a civilian employee of CIA he now draws the same pay as a brigadier general.

There are others. Some stories sound impossible or too ludicrous for belief; but unfortunately, they happen to be true. They are factual enough to cause military officers to risk their careers to relate them in private; factual enough for civil service employees with 20 years service to risk their jobs to produce documents and details to prove it. And I don't mean one or two disgruntled officers or employees. These are men of competence, with backgrounds of faithful service to their country. And they are scared.

Counter intelligence agents have been transferred out of Washington when their investigations led them too close to the truth. A too persistent Army General is under orders for duty in California. He talked when higher authorities in the Pentagon refused to heed his warnings or fire suspect and incompetent aides. He remains in Washington only because an irate Senator demanded that the Secretary of the Army keep him here until Congress returns and the proper committee can investigate.

A colonel has been relieved of his intelligence duty in Washington and transferred to Alaska. He stepped on too many toes trying to clean Communist cells out of his intelligence unit. Another colonel with native technical skill in electronics has been ordered out of the Pentagon. An intelligence officer

of lesser rank and his assistant are ~~being~~ be shanghaied to

troop commands where their training in intelligence is wasted. A civilian technical work, who is rated as a genius in certain secret developments, is in serious trouble because his superiors refuse to clean out reds and incompetents.

Communists have two goals in infiltrating U. S. intelligence agencies. The first is to learn what the various agencies are doing, what they know and what counter intelligence efforts are used; the second, to hamper this activity by slowing down paper work, by endless conferences and by forcing incompetents into jobs where skill and competence is required.

The subject is a proper one for a Senatorial inquiry. The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee undoubtedly is the proper group to make the inquiry.

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